

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Replace the Brief Description of the Drawings with:

The present invention will become more readily apparent from the following detailed description of the preferred embodiments of the present invention taken in conjunction with the accompanying drawings, in which:

E₁ Fig. 1 is a perspective view of an elevator system ~~according to an~~ relating to a second embodiment of the present invention;

Fig. 2 is a vertical sectional view of an elevator system ~~according to an~~ relating to a first embodiment of the present invention;

Fig. 3 is a vertical sectional view of the top portion of the hoistway of an elevator system ~~according to an~~ relating to the second embodiment of the present invention;

Fig. 4 is a plan view of the hoistway of ~~Fig. 3~~ relating to the second embodiment of the present invention as viewed from above the elevator hoistway;

Fig. 5 is a perspective view of a conventional elevator system; and

Fig. 6 is a plan view of the hoistway of Fig. 5 as viewed from above the elevator hoistway.